The true CASE of

The Silk-Throwſters, Weavers and Dyers,

WITH

Their PETITION to the Parliament.

ALSO

A Summary Account of the ACT intended to be made on their Behalf, for the Satisfaction of People in General.

Licens'd, *Decemb.* 28. 1689. J. F.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament Aſſembled, the humble Petition of the *Silk-Throwſters, Weavers* and *Dyers* in and about *London.*

Sheweth,

THAT One Pound of Raw Silk not worth 20 *s.* when it has paſt the Manufacture of our ſeveral Trades, is made Five times the Value: By which it is Evident, That the great Advantage that did ariſe by Silk to this Nation, conſiſted in Manufacturing thereof, by which Two hundred thouſand Perſons were comfortably maintained; which Employment is now almoſt loſt, and the Benefit (by Importation of Manufactured Silks) carried to Foreign Nations, and your Petitioners left to Beggary, and want of Bread; which Importation of Foreign Silks, your Petitioners humbly beg may be prohibited.

And

And whereas your poor Petitioners were, by a falſe Information, (that a Bill was paſſing that would be their Ruin) ſtirr'd up to a Tumultuary Addreſs for their Preſervation: But ſince coming rightly to underſtand the Care that was taken in that Bill for their Preſervation, Do beg the Pardon of this Honourable Houſe, and humbly beſeech your Honours, by that, or ſome ſuch other Bill, (as ſhall ſeem beſt to your Wiſdoms) to provide for their Subſiſtence.

And your Petitioners (as in Duty bound) ſhall pray, &c.

A Summary Account of the ACT intended to be made on the Behalf of the *Silk-Throwſters, Weavers, Dyers*, &c.

ALL Perſons ſhall be obliged for the Winter-Seaſon, during Six Months, to wear their upper Garment of Woollen Manufacture.

Or of Silk and Worſtead mixed together, Flower'd or Plain.

Or Hair Camblets lined with Woollen.

Or Worſtead Camblets lined with Silk or Woollen.

Alſo any other Hair Stuff mixed with Silk.

And under any of theſe upper Garments, they may wear what Silks or other Garments as they pleaſe, during the aforeſaid Six Months.

And for the other Six Months, all Perſons to wear Silk, or any other Manufacture, as they ſhall think fit.

And Further, For the better Encouragement of the Silk Manufacture of *England*, there is Care taken there ſhall be no Silks, of the Weaving Manufactory ready wrought, or Stuffs ready wrought, brought into the Kingdom of *England*.

Nor no Silk ſhall be worn, or Stuffs, that is not made or wrought in this Kingdom.

FINIS.

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